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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF MIDVALE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE,  
INC. FOR AN AMENDMENT TO ITS  
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND  
NECESSITY

Docket No. T-02532A-03-0017

**QWEST CORPORATION'S COMMENTS  
REGARDING STAFF'S AUGUST 1, 2003  
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") hereby files comments regarding the Arizona Corporation Commission Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") August 1, 2003 Report ("Report") recommending approval of Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc.'s ("Midvale") Application extend its service territory to include parts of Poquito Valley in Prescott Valley, Arizona, including Section 11, T-15-N, R-1-W ("Section 11").

On July 30, 2003, Qwest filed a motion to intervene in the above-captioned docket since it was substantially and directly affected by these proceedings. Section 11 is the subject of consolidated complaints against Qwest before this Commission in Docket Nos. T-01051B-02-0535, T-01051B-02-0516 and T-01051B-02-0512. The central issue in these complaints is whether Qwest may be forced to serve outside of its service territory, particularly in light of Midvale's request to become the incumbent local exchange carrier for Section 11, as well as other Sections in the area.

1 Qwest now files the following comments regarding Staff's Report recommending that the  
2 Commission approve Midvale's application:

- 3 • Qwest supports Staff's recommendation to grant Midvale certification to provide  
4 facilities-based local exchange service as an incumbent local exchange carrier to  
5 the areas identified in Midvale's Application. As previously stated, Qwest  
6 believes it in the public interest to certify carriers that elect to provide telephone  
7 service. Midvale has voluntarily applied to provide such service and should be  
8 granted approval to do so.
- 9 • While Qwest still believes that Extended Area Service ("EAS") issues should be  
10 addressed industry-wide in dockets currently pending before this Commission,  
11 Qwest does not oppose the establishment of two-way EAS with Midvale for its  
12 Millsite exchange as recommended by Staff. Qwest, however, would recommend  
13 that the Commission set a specific deadline for establishment of EAS to provide  
14 the parties with sufficient notice, preferably six-months, for completion of any  
15 EAS agreement with Midvale and related network provisioning.
- 16 • As an alternative option for the transfer of existing Qwest customers in Section 11  
17 to Midvale if Midvale's Application is approved, Qwest proposes to provide  
18 remote call forwarding for one year at no charge for those customers currently  
19 receiving Qwest's service once Midvale is providing service. There are currently  
20 two customers located at 10195 North Poquito Valley Road and one customer at  
21 10150 North Poquito Valley Road, in Prescott Valley. The current Qwest  
22 customers would receive a new phone number from Midvale but would have the  
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1 opportunity to utilize Qwest's designated phone number via remote call  
2 forwarding for an entire year while they transition to a Midvale number and related  
3 services. In order to build a cohesive service and customer base within Section 11,  
4 Qwest believes this is preferable to Staff's proposal to transition customers to  
5 Midvale only at such time as those customers sell or transfer full ownership of  
6 their property at some remote time in the future.  
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8 Therefore, Qwest recommends the following ordering paragraphs:

9 (1) "It is therefore ordered that EAS implementation occurs 6 months after a signed  
10 order."

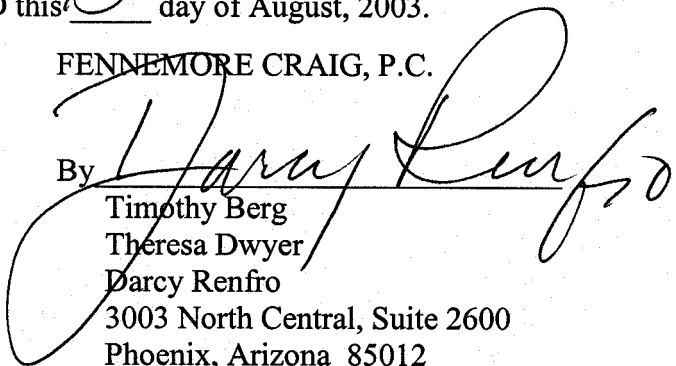
11 (2) "It is therefore ordered Midvale provision a local trunk group from its Millsite  
12 Exchange to the Prescott local tandem to implement EAS between the Millsite exchange and the  
13 Prescott calling area."  
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15 (3) "It is therefore ordered for Qwest to provide remote call forwarding for one year at  
16 no charge for those customers receiving Qwest's service at 10195 and 10150 North Poquito  
17 Valley Road, in Section 11, T-15-N, R-1-W, once Midvale is providing service."

18 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

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